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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, KS, EG, US  
SUBJECT: ROK-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS AND US ROLE

REF: CAIRO 12925

1. NO DOUBT REFLECTING A REPORT OF THE DISCUSSION DESCRIBED  
REFTEL, AMERICAN BUREAU DIRECTOR PAK SANG-YONG CALLED POLCOUNS  
EVENING MAY 15 TO DESCRIBE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ROK-EGYPTIAN  
RELATIONS. HE DETAILED THE EFFORTS BY HASSAN BOTH WITH FORMER  
FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY AND WITH CURRENT FOREIGN MINISTER. HE  
ALSO REFERRED TO DISCUSSION BETWEEN AMBASSADOR HAHN AND  
AMBASSADOR EILTS.

2. FOLLOWING THE DESCRIPTIVE PORTION OF HIS REMARKS, PAK  
STATED THAT THE ROK WAS HOPEFUL THAT IT MIGHT SOON ACHIEVE PROGRESS  
IN ITS EFFORTS TO SECURE RECOGNITION BY THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT.  
HE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED THE COMMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO AMBASSADOR  
EILTS AND WAS TAKING THIS OCCASION TO MORE FORMALLY REQUEST  
U.S. COOPERATION WITH THE ROK IN THIS EFFORT. POLCOUNS  
ASKED IF PAK HAD ANYTHING SPECIFIC IN MIND AND WAS TOLD  
THAT HE DID NOT. HOWEVER, VIEW IN SEOUL WAS THAT  
SUPPORTIVE STATEMENTS BY THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVES IN  
CAIRO, WHEN THE OCCASION AROSE, WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL.  
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3. EMBASSY SUPPORTS THIS REQUEST AS A POSITIVE STEP  
IN THE DIRECTION OF GREATER RECOGNITION FOR THE ROK.  
WE HAVE BEEN AWARE FOR SOME MONTHS THAT EARLIER EFFORTS  
BY THE ROK HAVE BEEN STALLED OVER EGYPTIAN COUNTER-  
PROPOSALS FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. EGYPTIANS UNDOUBTEDLY  
ARE AWARE OF THE \$50-80 MILLION CREDIT WHICH WAS ARRANGED

FOR THE SUDAN AT THE TIME IT ESTABLISHED RELATIONS WITH  
THE ROK. THUS FAR THE ROKG HAS BEEN UNWILLING TO  
PRUCHASE EGYPTIAN GOODWILL IN THIS MANNER BUT HAS  
ALWAYS LEFT THE DOOR OPEN FOR ASSISTANCE SUBSEQUENT  
TO RECOGNITION.EMBASSY URGES DEPARTMENT APPROVE  
AMBASSADOR EILTS' SUGGESTION THAT A POSITIVE WORD FROM  
HIM IN THIS INSTANCE WOULD INDEED BE USEFUL. OUR  
FAILURE TO DO SO AT THE PRESENT JUNCTURE MIGHT BE  
MISUNDERSTOOD IN SEOUL.  
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